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To: Radiology Clinics, Physicians, Oral Surgeons, Nurse Practitioners, Dentists, Public Health, Hospitals, ASC, FQHC, RHC, CRS, and EPSDT

RE: Radiology Management Program

The Alabama Medicaid Agency has contracted with MedSolutions to implement a radiology prior authorization program effective February 2, 2009. MedSolutions is a radiology services organization that specializes in managing diagnostic services.

For all MRI's, MRA's, CT scans, CTA's, and PET scans performed on or after February 2, 2009, ordering providers will be required to request prior authorization from MedSolutions. MedSolutions will begin accepting prior authorization requests on February 2, 2009 for dates of service beginning February 2, 2009. Medicaid will provide a grace period to allow providers sufficient time to acclimate to the change. Providers will be required to submit Prior Authorizations during this grace period. Medicaid will not deny any claims for these services performed from February 2nd through February 28th due to no prior authorization. However, beginning on March 1, 2009, any claims that are submitted for these radiological services for dates of service March 1, 2009 and thereafter without prior approval will be denied.

Exclusions from the PA requirement will be:

- scans performed as an inpatient hospital service,
- scans performed as an emergency room service, and
- scans for Medicaid recipients who are also covered by Medicare.

MedSolutions will soon be sending you more information to facilitate a smooth and successful transition to our radiology management program.

Providers with questions may contact Teresa Thomas, Program Manager, Lab/X-ray services at teresa.thomas@medicaid.alabama.gov or by phone at (334) 242-5048.

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